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PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NOVEMBER, 1948.

This bulletin has been prepared from preliminary tabulations, made available each month by the Commonwealth Statistician, of unemployed persons in Queensland who were in receipt of Commonwealth unemployment benefit at the end of November, 1948. The information covers only those persons actually in receipt of unemployment benefit, no account being taken of those whose applications for benefit were awaiting consideration or those who did not apply for benefit. The figures given, therefore, are only a part of total unemployment, although the proportions due to the various causes and in the various industries are broadly applicable to the total. Persons receiving sickness or special benefits are also excluded. Details for districts by causes and industries in which last employed are given in the attached tables.

Comparison with Previous Months.

November 1948 figures of persons in receipt of unemployment benefit were 793 males and 67 females, the total of 860 being 874, or 50 per cent., below the corresponding figure for the previous November.

<u>End of Month.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
		<u>1946.</u>			<u>1947.</u>	
December ..	5,971	168	6,139	2,245	69	2,314
		<u>1947.</u>			<u>1948.</u>	
January ..	7,262	228	7,490	3,094	73	3,167
February ..	7,394	198	7,592	5,603	223	5,826
March ..	6,505	184	6,689	6,055	310	6,365
April ..	4,698	149	4,847	2,669	110	2,779
May ..	3,935	151	4,086	1,559	89	1,648
June ..	3,102	129	3,231	1,102	71	1,173
July ..	2,747	113	2,860	718	67	785
August ..	2,089	97	2,186	702	64	766
September ..	1,912	87	1,999	640	67	707
October ..	1,827	80	1,907	700	62	762
November ..	1,664	70	1,734	793	67	860

November was the fourth consecutive month to show only a slight change of little or no significance. Almost half of the increase of 98 on the total for October was due to the slackening of seasonal work, mainly in the Townsville district. As in October, seven districts, or one-third of the total, had no persons drawing benefit at the end of the month.

Causes of unemployment are given on the next page for the months of November, 1947, and October and November, 1948, together with the decrease during the twelve months ended November, 1948, for each cause.

Compared with October, all but four causes showed larger numbers, the greatest increases being in "Seasonal Work and Weather Conditions" (45), "Casual Work" (25), and "Quitted because Work Too Heavy, Medically Unfit, etc." (22).

Compared with figures of a year earlier (November, 1947), all causes showed decreases, the largest of which were in "Seasonal Work and Weather Conditions" (181), "Casual Work" (166), and "Establishment Closed, Reduction of Staff" (152). These three causes together accounted for 57 per cent. of the total reduction of 874.

Cause of Unemployment.	November, 1947.	October, 1948.	November, 1948.	Decrease Nov.,
				1947, to Nov., 1948.
Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.	42	3	6	36
Inefficiency, incompetence ..	52	21	19	33
Establishment closed, reduction of staff, permanent retrenchment ..	279	120	127	152
Replaced by re-instated serviceman	36	12	9	27
Shortage of materials ..	55	58	54	1
Seasonal work and weather conditions	396	170	215	181
Casual work ..	282	91	116	166
Discharged or laid-off for other reasons ..	142	105	104	38
Quitted because work too heavy, medically unfit, etc. ..	240	120	142	98
Quitted for other reasons ..	104	36	39	65
Not previously employed ..	106	26	29	77
<u>Total</u> ..	<u>1,734</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>860</u>	<u>874</u>

The following statement shows, for each district, (i) the number of persons drawing benefit in the month of 1946-47 with the highest number, and in the corresponding month of 1947-48 - in some districts this was not the month with the highest unemployment in 1947-48 on account of the disturbance caused to normal seasonal trends by the railway strike, (ii) the numbers in November, 1947, and October and November, 1948, and (iii) the decrease from November, 1947, to November, 1948.

District.	Month.	(i) Peak Level of Unemployment.		(ii) Month of -			(iii) Decrease
		1946-47.	1947-48.	November, 1947.	October, 1948.	November, 1948.	Nov., 1947, to November, 1948.
Brisbane	Feb.	2,065	1,003	811	251	250	561
Ipswich	Dec.	190	22	18	21	25	7 ^a
Gympie	Feb.	30	136	5	9	10	5 ^a
Maryborough	Jan.	221	49	16	20	24	8 ^a
Bundaberg	Jan.	596	57	23	20	17	6
Toowoomba	Feb.	177	206	48	46	47	1
Warwick	Dec.	42	32	26	-	-	26
Roma ..	Dec.	24	8	7	-	-	7
Charleville	Dec.	75	34	17	8	11	6
Rockhampton	Jan.	1,462	482	225	107	120	105
Emerald	Jan.	10	6	4	-	-	4
Longreach	Dec.	117	78	21	10	14	7
Mackay	Mar.	861	784	107	35	39	68
Ayr ..	Feb.	233	356	25	-	-	25
Townsville	Mar.	616	739	205	212	273	68 ^a
Ingham	Mar.	440	208	3	-	-	3
Innisfail	Mar.	368	311	3	7	7	4 ^a
Cairns	Mar.	599	416	40	8	9	31
Charters Towers	Feb.	182	179	113	-	-	113
Atherton	Mar.	78	78	14	8	14	-
Hughenden	Feb.	52	17	3	-	-	3
<u>Total State</u>	Feb.	<u>7,592</u>	<u>5,826</u>	<u>1,734</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>860</u>	<u>874</u>

^a Increase.

Except for a rise of 61 in Townsville, district figures showed little variation compared with October.

Compared with November, 1947, there were noteworthy district improvements in Brisbane, where the number was 561 (69 per cent.) lower; in Charters Towers, where there was a fall of 113 to nil; and in Rockhampton, where there was a decrease of 105 (47 per cent.). In Townsville there was a rise of 68 (33 per cent.), due chiefly to a slackening of work in food and drink factories.

D.C.L. SMITH,
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Table No. 1 - Persons Receiving Unemployment Benefit, Queensland, November, 1948.

Districts and Causes of Unemployment.

District.	Discharged or Laid-Off.								Quitted.		Not previously employed.	Total.	
	Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.	Inefficiency, incompetence.	Establishment closed, reduction of staff, permanent retrenchment.	Replaced by re-instated serviceman, relieving worker only.	Shortage of materials.	Seasonal work and weather conditions.	Casual work.	Discharged or laid-off for other reasons.	Medical unfitness, work too heavy, medical advice.	Quitted for other reasons.		Number.	Per 10,000 population.
Brisbane	1	14	45	1	9	8	28	39	74	17	14	250	
Ipswich ..	-	1	1	-	1	-	3	16	2	1	-	25	
Moreton	1	15	46	1	10	8	31	55	76	18	14	275	5
Gympie ..	-	1	-	-	2	1	3	1	2	-	-	10	
Maryborough	-	-	2	1	3	1	6	3	6	1	1	24	
Bundaberg	-	1	3	-	1	3	3	1	5	-	-	17	
S.E.Coastal	-	2	5	1	6	5	12	5	13	1	1	51	5
Toowoomba	-	-	5	3	4	-	10	9	10	4	2	47	
Warwick ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Roma ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charleville	-	1	2	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	11	
Downs & S.W.	-	1	7	3	4	5	13	9	10	4	2	53	4
Rockhampton	-	-	19	-	24	29	9	17	12	2	8	120	
Emerald ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Longreach	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	1	-	-	14	
Central	-	-	19	-	24	39	12	17	13	2	8	134	14
Mackay ..	-	-	3	2	1	12	11	3	6	1	-	39	
Ayr ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Townsville	2	1	43	2	6	141	26	14	22	12	4	273	
Ingham ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Innisfail	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	7	
Cairns ..	2	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	9	
N.Coastal	4	1	49	4	9	158	38	18	30	13	4	328	22
Charters Towers ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Atherton	1	-	1	-	1	-	10	-	-	1	-	14	
Hughenden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
North-West	1	-	1	-	1	-	10	-	-	1	-	14	3
Total State	6	19	127	9	54	215	116	104	142	39	29	860	8

Table No.2. - Persons Receiving Unemployment Benefit, Queensland, November, 1948.

Districts and Industries.

District.	Industry in Which Last Engaged.														Total.
	Agricultural, Pastoral, and Dairying.	Other Primary (including Mining).	Engineering.	Food and Drink Factories.	Other Factories.	Building and Construction.	Shipping and Wharf Work.	Transport.	Wholesale.	Retail.	Previously Employed by Australian or Allied Services.	Personal and Domestic Service.	Discharged Servicemen.	Other Industries.	
Brisbane ..	11	4	20	31	22	18	4	31	19	19	18	22	3	28	250
Ipswich ..	1	13	1	-	2	3	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	25
Moreton ..	12	17	21	31	24	21	4	33	19	21	18	22	3	29	275
Gympie ..	2	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	10
Maryborough	2	2	-	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	-	2	-	-	24
Bundaberg	1	-	-	5	1	2	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	17
S.E.Coastal	5	3	1	7	2	13	3	3	2	4	-	5	-	3	51
Toowoomba	5	2	3	4	3	7	-	6	3	1	1	6	-	6	47
Warwick ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roma ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleville	9	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Downs & S.W.	14	2	3	4	3	9	-	6	3	1	1	6	-	6	58
Rockhampton	10	17	2	44	9	15	2	3	4	4	1	5	-	4	120
Emerald ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longreach	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14
Central ..	21	19	2	44	9	15	2	3	4	4	1	5	-	5	134
Mackay ..	12	-	3	7	3	4	1	-	-	6	-	1	-	2	39
Ayr ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Townsville	28	8	8	139	7	26	3	12	5	5	7	18	-	7	273
Ingham ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Innisfail	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Cairns ..	1	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	9
N.Coastal	41	10	11	150	12	31	6	12	7	12	7	19	-	10	328
Charters Towers ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atherton ..	-	3	-	4	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Hughenden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North-West	-	3	-	4	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Total State	93	54	33	240	52	93	15	57	35	43	27	57	3	53	860

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